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**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION  
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

Applicants hereby request continued examination of this application according to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 by filing a submission (this Amendment) and the required fee set forth in § 1.17(e).

In response to the Final Office Action dated September 9, 2005, finally rejecting claims 1, 2, 4, 5, and 7-18, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and reexamination of the above-referenced patent application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.

A Petition for a Two-Month Extension of Time within which to file this response is also enclosed.